

## Today's News - December 14, 2004

Congress for the New Urbanism issues call for entries for Charter Awards 2005. – Move over Freedom Tower - Burj Dubai will be taller (and finished sooner). – World's tallest bridge is a stunner. – The public is eager for good design (no doubt not just in Australia). – Bad-news day in U.K.: a look at the current status of the Dome. – Will another iconic building (and another museum) really help Liverpool? – Alsop axed (again) - but they get to keep his design. – What's with the alien art invading Holyrood? – Hopes for Toronto's waterfront being chipped away. – Detailing on a residential tower in South San Francisco is "fine and dandy," but as "futile as draping lace on a smokestack...a 180-foot-high slab where no tower ought to be." – No street signs - no accidents: cars and pedestrians actually look out for each other (what a concept!). – How to work parking in - and when and why to leave it out. – Streets and skylines changing in Houston, Shanghai, Korea, and Kuwait City. – HQ for Institute of Peace gets go-ahead (and big bucks) from Congress. – CNN explores Beirut's architectural renaissance. – AIA Minnesota announces 2004 award winners.

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[Construction of world's tallest tower to begin: Burj Dubai will be nearly half a mile high, at 800 metres tall...and boast a total of 160 floors - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \[image\]](#)- New Scientist

[World's Tallest Bridge Soars Above French Valley: opens to traffic Thursday - Norman Foster \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Everyone deserves a well-designed house: The critics of suburban sprawl are missing the public's eagerness for new ideas...The big message from the metropolitan strategy is that design matters. By Chris Johnson/NSW Government Architect - Murrutt](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[That was then, this is now: The Dome was to be a icon of Cool Britannia blazing us into the new millennium - but it was a disaster. Five years on, Grant Gibson asks what became of the key players in this national embarrassment - Richard Rogers Partnership; Mark Fisher; Landesign; Tim Pyne; etc.](#)- Observer (UK)

[Mission of Mersey: After the Fourth Grace fiasco, Liverpool still wants an architectural icon on the waterfront. But it should make more of its magnificent heart. By Deyan Sudjic - Alsop; Hadid; Chipperfield; Simpson](#)- Observer (UK)

[Rail plan safe as architect is axed: Will Alsop...will not be leading the design and development phase, despite the \[£350 million\] project going ahead with his design.](#)- icBirmingham (UK)

[No place for a public hanging: \[Holyrood\] is the only building in Scotland for years...that might justifiably be called a Gesamtkunstwerk, a total work of art. So why is it necessary to fill it with quite alien wall-hangings, photographs, sculptures and paintings... By Stuart MacDonald/Lighthouse - Enric Miralles](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Chipping away at waterfront hopes: Toronto is the cruellest city, constantly raising hopes only to dash them, again and again. By Christopher Hume](#)- Toronto Star

[If you build it, they will cringe: Slablike tower doesn't fit in on slopes of San Bruno Mountain. If ever a building showed that architecture can be irrelevant... By John King - MBH Architects \[images\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Roads Gone Wild: No street signs. No crosswalks. No accidents. Surprise: Making driving seem more dangerous could make it safer.](#)- Wired

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[ORION Emerges: New Luxury Vertical Residences to Change the Face of Houston Skyline - Ede I. Nemeti/Architectural Services International; Keiji Asakura/ASLA Landscaping](#)- Business Wire

[Nostalgia is now up-to-date: One Day Living...a block of gentrified colonial-era buildings exuding the nostalgic charm of old Shanghai. - Chen Lianzhong](#)- Shanghai Daily

[Architect's new project is 'extension of the street': The mutual trust and collaboration between the progressive client and the then-unknown architect had resulted in another project. - Choi Moon-gyu/GaA Architects; Mass Studies; Slade Architects](#)- JoongAng Daily (Korea)

[Kuwait City is latest Arab capital to get an American University: Beyond the architecture of individual buildings, the AUK campus is unusual on an urban level as well. - Chadi Rachid Chamoun \[image\]](#)- The Daily Star (Lebanon)

[Congress Supports Institute of Peace Headquarters Project with \\$100 Million Appropriation - Moshe Safdie and Associates \[link to images\]](#)- U.S. Institute of Peace

[CNN's Design 360 visits Beirut, to find out about the architectural and cultural renaissance which has been taking place there since the civil war ended fifteen years ago. - Bernard Khouri](#)- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

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